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Letter dated 23 June 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have been instructed by my Government to lodge the strongest protest over the refusal to allow me to participate in the meeting of the Security Council on the Balkans on 23 June 2000.

As a country situated in the central part of the Balkans and a signatory party and a guarantor of the Dayton-Paris Agreement, as well as a country with the agreement of which the international civil and military presences have been deployed in a part of its territory, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has more right than any other country to participate in the meeting of the Security Council. However, it has had that right denied on the basis of a procedural decision. While all other States Members of the United Nations that requested to participate in the meeting were allowed to do so, my country was prevented even though it had an evident and a very strong interest in its debate.

The request of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to participate in the work of the Security Council was legitimate and along the lines of the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, i.e., the right of every State to participate in the work of the Security Council dealing with issues of its immediate concern. The rejection of the request of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is discriminatory and contrary to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav **Jovanovic**
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